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TITLE OF INVENTION: DEMODULATION APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENTLY EMBODYING ADAPTIVE MODULATION AND CODING METHOD
IN OFDMA BASED PACKET COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

Joey Bednash

Applicant(s)

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Jason E Mattis/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2461

/Joey Bednash/
Examiner, Art Unit 2461

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to amendments filed 17 May 2011. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas M. Owens III on 15 July 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, line 15, the phrase --are read-- has been inserted between the words "modulation methods" and "from among".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, AAPA discloses a demodulation apparatus for receiving signals by an adaptive modulation and coding method, and demodulating the signals, in an OFDMA based packet communication system, comprising:

a QAM demapper (**Fig. 2, QAM Demapper 25**) for performing the QAM demapping process (**Para [10], lines 3-4**) on the received signals by the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels (**Para [7], lines 4-6, DL MAP describes the modulation methods used in the downlink**) and outputting second data which have a number of bits corresponding to the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels, when the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed (**Fig. 2, Buffers 24, Channel Decoder 27 Para [11] symbols are delayed in the buffers 24 until the decoder can analyze the frame prefix and map information which suggests the demapper cannot perform demapping until the DL MAP is analyzed wherein once the DL MAP which describes the modulation method and channel coding method is analyzed, the demapper can now perform the demapping according to the QAM modulation method that has been determined from analyzing the DL MAP in the decoder. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the claimed second data that was output from the demapper after gaining knowledge of the modulation method that was analyzed in the decoder would have a number of bits corresponding to the modulation method that was gleaned from analyzing the DL MAP in the decoder.**);

a slot buffer for storing the second data outputted from the QAM demapper for each slot (**Fig. 2, Slot Buffers 26**); and

a channel decoder (**Fig. 2, Channel Decoder 27**) for decoding the data stored in the slot buffer (**Para [10], lines 13-14**), analyzing modulation methods for each of the sub-channels transferring the analyzed modulation methods to the QAM demapper

(Para [7], lines 4-6, Para [11]; It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the modulation method that is described in the DL MAP that is analyzed by the channel decoder would be transferred to the QAM demapper such that the QAM demapper could perform QAM demapping on the received signals because AAPA indicates the symbols must be delayed in buffers 24 until the MAP information is analyzed by the channel decoder. This provides the suggestion that the channel decoder would analyze the DL MAP information in order to provide the modulation method information gleaned from the analysis to the QAM demapper such that the demapping could now take place.), reading all bits of the second data (Fig. 2, Para [10], the channel decoder decodes the data that has been QAM demapped after it passes “through a slot buffer 26.”) , demodulating the read bits of the second data, and outputting the demodulated data (Para [10], lines 5-6).

AAPA does not disclose performing a QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) demapping process on the received signals by a modulation method using a maximum modulation ratio, and outputting first data which have a number of bits corresponding to the modulation method using the maximum modulation ratio until modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed, and reading only valid data corresponding to the number of bits for the analyzed modulation methods from among all bits of the first data, and demodulating the valid data, once the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed by the channel decoder.

Uesugi (**US 2002/0114379 A1**) discloses performing a QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) demapping process on the received signals by a modulation method using a maximum modulation ratio and outputting first data which have a number of bits corresponding to the modulation method using the maximum modulation ratio (**Para [0094]; Figs. 3 and 4, Para [0060]-[0067] teaches demapping 64QAM with a 64QAM demodulation pattern; Figs. 5 and 6, Para [0068]-[0074] teaches demapping 16QAM with a 64QAM demodulation pattern; Figs. 7 and 8, Para [0076]-[0080] teaches demapping QPSK with a 64QAM demodulation pattern; It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that demapping QPSK, 16 QAM, 32 QAM and 64 QAM utilizing a 64 QAM modulation pattern or constellation as taught by Uesugi would result in a number of bits which are represented by 64 QAM symbols).**

In Para [0094] of Uesugi, the teaching can be found that one can demodulate all transmitted data without knowing the modulation scheme of the transmitting side by demodulating according to the largest modulation level (i.e. maximum modulation ratio), even when the transmitting side transmits data modulated by a smaller modulation level (i.e. smaller modulation ratio).

In Para [0095] of Uesugi, the teaching can be found that by demodulating according to the largest modulation level, it is possible to remove the delay of demodulating a signal which informs the receiver of the modulation level used by not demodulating the modulation level broadcast signal.

Thus Uesugi suggest that first data can be demodulated without knowing the modulation scheme applied at the transmitter by demodulating according to the maximum modulation ratio; however, the reference does not disclose demapping according to the maximum modulation ratio until modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed, and reading only valid data corresponding to the number of bits for the analyzed modulation methods from among all bits of the first data, once the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed by the channel decoder.

Claim 12, as amended above, is a claim to the method performed by the apparatus of claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons presented above in that claim 12 includes a limitation of "only valid data corresponding to the number of bits for the analyzed modulation methods are read from among all bits of the first data, once the modulation methods for each of the sub-channels are analyzed."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joey Bednash whose telephone number is (571)270-7500. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM EST.

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